

THE trusts ought to be put into a hole—coal-hole, for instance—and smothered in their own iniquity.

THE Hon. Jno. E. Organ, with characteristic modesty, intimates that the only truly Democratic papers in this Senatorial District are the *Monitor*, the *Rolla Sharp-Shooter* and the *Independent*. "How we apples swim!"

THE World's Fair Directors complain that the edicts of the Directory are ignored by the topmost officials, and naturally the former want to know what they are there for. Are they, like the griffins and the unicorns and the serpents, et cetera, merely ornamental?

THE *Globe-Democrat* says: "The Missouri Democrats propose to celebrate the cancellation of some State bonds," and then makes a spiteful fling at the certificates of indebtedness held for the school fund. The *G.-D.* evidently questions the right of Democrats to jubilate over burning Republican bonds and views the transaction as a desecration of the altar of the party of intelligence and morality.

I AM no friend to the boodler and believe in meting to him his just punishment. But when the papers tell me in the same column that John Smith, boodler, gets two years in the penitentiary, and Bill Jones, murderer, also gets two years in that institution, it sets me to thinking—strange as it may seem. Justice goes by spurts and is often governed by popular clamor rather than reason. When such is the case, the value of human life depreciates.

JUDGING from appearances, it seems to be the intention of some Democratic Representatives to straddle in the Everole-De Clue contest; that is, they will finally give Mr. Everole his seat, but not until the session is well-nigh ended. Now, I look upon this as the most contemptible "politics." Either Mr. E. is entitled to sit as Representative, or he is not. If he is, he ought to be given his place without delay; if he is not, let him be turned down without ceremony. The middle course is unworthy the tread of honest men and Democrats.

Is a country healthy and prosperous wherein one or two men can advance or lower the prices of standard commodities at will? Demand and supply form the foundation of industrial solidity, and it is deplorable that the thing we call capital may be used to set at naught for the time being the law controlling natural conditions. When Mr. Leiter cribbs in so many millions of bushels of wheat or corn that the price of the cereal is arbitrarily raised, he is a robber to the extent of every dollar he forces the people to pay in excess of the price fixed by the relative forces of production and consumption. He should be mulcted as severely as is his less dangerous and far-reaching prototype, the train robber.

THE art of "drawing the long bow" is peculiar to no country or people. Fancy reading this item in a London newspaper, told with all the seriousness that characterized Samuel Weller in his narration of the accident to the man who invented and used a wonderful "patent sassaige machine." "A Birmingham Inventor has just placed on the market a remarkable clock which he claims can 'make tea.' It is a very ingenious arrangement by which at any specified hour the sleeper can be awakened, and five minutes later there is a cup of tea and hot water for shaving ready for him. The machine does all automatically, and without any human aid whatever. Lights spirit lamp, boils water, and tips the same up gently into the required vessel. It also puts out the lamp and rings a second gong to notify that the tea is ready."

SOME member of the Missouri Legislature has introduced a bill whose purpose is to pension public school teachers after they shall have acted in that capacity for certain number of years—twenty-five, I think it is. Certainly, it is as just to pension this class of public servants as it is to retire Federal judges or army officers upon full or half-pay, and the aforesaid legislator has ample precedent for his bill. But I object to it on the ground that one step on the road to Hades only makes each successive stride the more plainly perilous. Public positions are eagerly sought for because they are both honorable and profitable to the incumbents, and, attained, are considered in the light of so much favor to the recipients. No man asks for an office on the plea that he wants to sacrifice himself on the altar of duty; he wants the position for what there is in it and doesn't him that if his fellow-men will grant him his request, therefore further favors ought to follow: that because they have set him for the time being over

them, it gives him warrant for becoming a burden upon them during his natural life. No man need become a public servant unless he wants to—and he invariably wants to very much. Let him abide the result of his self-seeking, and when he gets too old or too feeble to perform the duties of his place, let him retire on exactly the same plan that attaches to labor in private life. The former is entitled to no more, and frequently not half so much as the latter.

ONE of the best and brightest papers that come to this office is *The Public*, of Chicago. Every line in it is worth the reading, and its manner of treating current issues is attractive and interesting. It each week prints a "Letter from Uncle Sam to John Bull," a portion of one of which I here reproduce. It may remind us of some nearly forgotten incidents in the early history of this country, and from them some of us may draw a moral: "Dear John: I am having a good deal of trouble with these ladrones. You see, John, I shot their water buffalo, and the Filipinos can't raise rice, and it changed them into ladrones. So I gather from my man Taft's report, and it makes things so disagreeable there that Taft's conscience won't allow him to desert and be a justice of the supreme court—which he'd rather. It's too bad! You notice Taft is needed on the supreme bench. When the judges had constitutional law, he didn't catch it. It never took—never struck in on Taft. He is immune to constitutional law, Taft is; and I need him on the supreme bench to pass on Filipino business. You know yourself, John, how annoying it is. Do you mind the ladrones of Bunker Hill, and Stony Point and Etaw Springs? They give ye a mighty sight of trouble, John, in '76. I see now it was wrong, but I was right smart of a ladrone myself in those days. I'm sorry I bothered ye, but ye'd shot my water buffalo (burned my farms) and I was too young to know any better, and I swiped ye from Cape Cod to New Orleans. I see now we'd all ought to be hanged; but there was a whiff of us. Th' was Hancock, and Sam Adams, and Is Putnam, and Paulding, and Van Wirt, and a lot of uneasy blades down South—Sumter and Francis Marion—and even the women. Why, there was one Southern woman—I forget her name—when you drove her out of her big house and quartered red coats in it, brought an Indian bow and arrows and rosin and fire, and had us shoot arrows from the woods tipped with burnin' rosin, onto her roof, and burnt down her own mansion-house about your ears. And—well, the Imperialists had to cut away to Canada them times. They weren't runnin' the Senate then, and sendin' over a little man in knee breeches to help ye put yer hat on. No, we wore a kickin' the hat; and we made ye pick your feet lively, John, from the lemon to the pine. You sent over Cornwallis, too, I remember, with, I forgit how many men—ten thousand, I guess—I tell that joke every time I think of it. It's a hundred year old, maybe, but good yit. The boys said they shelled the corn off Cornwallis, and sent him back Cobwallis. Do you get it, John? Some day the Daughters of the Revolution will be a sendin' their keards to the Daughters of the Philippine Ladrones, may be on manila paper, but they worry me now."

Watch St. Louis.

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Fine Apron Gingham 5c, Bonanza.

February Weather in Ironton.

The following data for the month of February have been compiled from the records kept by Mr. W. H. Delano, Voluntary Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau at this place, and cover the period from 1879 to 1902, inclusive, except that for the years 1891 and 1892 only the total precipitation is available: The mean normal temperature of February is 32 degrees. The warmest February was that of 1882, with an average of 45 degrees, and the coldest was that of 1899, with an average of 22 degrees. The highest temperature recorded during any February was 80 degrees, on the 4th, 1890, and the lowest, 26 degrees below zero, on the 13th, 1899. The average number of days with minimum temperature below 32 degrees is 21. The average precipitation for February (rain and melted snow) is 3.46 inches, and the average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 7. The greatest February precipitation was 7.45 inches, in 1885, and the least, .62 inch, in 1895. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 2.70 inches, on the 13th, 1880. The average snowfall was 11.5 inches,

TWO SALES IN ONE!

REMNANT AND CLEARING SALE.

We have decided for the next thirty days to reduce our stock, and what we will do to former prices will be plenty. Blankets, Underwear, Ladies' Cloaks and Capes, Men's Clothing and Overcoats, Dress Goods, Millinery, in fact every line will have its share of the cut. Many goods below cost. We were able to buy direct from the mills their short lengths in many staple articles, and we also combine this with our clearing sale. Note a few of the many greatly cut prices:

2000 Yards Dark American Calicoes, one of the best brands manufactured; worth 6 1-2 cents per yard, in good dress pattern lengths, 30 days only, go for per yard **4c.**

Dry Goods.

American Blue Calico, 30 days only, go for 5c yard.
1000 yards Great Western Domestic, worth 8 1-3c, for 30 days only, 5c yard.
One yard wide good Bleached Domestic in remnants, 30 days only, at 5 yard.
1 1-4 yd. wide unbleached Sheeting, Lockwood Brand; worth 30c yd., for 30 days only. 15c yard.
35 yard bundle remnants of Standard Calico, for 30 days only, go for 95c, or 2 3-4c yard.
500 yards remnant Apron Check Gingham, for 30 days only, 4c yard.

Blankets.

Good Grey Double Blankets, for 30 days only, reduced to 58c.
175 Blankets reduced to \$1.25.
250 Blankets reduced to \$1.98.
350 Blankets reduced to \$2.98.
Comforts worth 90 cents reduced to 55 cents.

Women's & Children's Jackets

Women's and Children's Jackets at big reductions. Just a sample of our cutting:
Good Wool Capes that sold for \$1.50, go for 98c.
Good Silk Plush Capes that sold for \$8.00, go for \$3.75.
300 Capes go for \$1.75.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$4.00, go for \$2.50.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$4.90, go for \$3.00.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$7.50, go for \$5.50.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$10, \$12 and \$18, have been reduced to cost and less.

GREAT BARGAINS.

Big cuts in Ladies' Hats, Skirts, Shirt Waists and Dress Goods.

Men's Clothing & Overcoats.

Men's Clothing and Overcoats reduced from 20 to 25 per cent.
\$15.00 Overcoats for \$12.00.
\$10.00 Overcoats for \$7.50.
\$7.50 Overcoats for \$5.90.
\$5.00 Overcoats for \$3.75.

Shoes.

Immense bargains in Shoes. A few items to show what we are doing.
Misses' School Shoes, mostly 1, 12 and 2, go for 75c to \$1.00, that are worth from \$1.00 to \$1.50.
Men's Shoes, Brogans, for 95c, worth \$1.25 to \$1.50.
Men's Fine shoes for \$1.25, worth \$1.75 (mostly No. 7).

Groceries.

SALT ONLY \$1.15 PER BARREL.

Dried Apples, 5c per pound.
California Peaches, 3 pounds for 25c.
15 Bars Laundry Soap, 25c.
Royal and Dr. Price's Baking Powder, for 20c, half pound cans.
Package Coffee, 10c.
A Fine Bulk Roast Coffee for 12 1-2 cents.
A Santos Pea Berry Coffee for 18 cents per pound, that is equal to any 30 cent Coffee you are using. Try it.
19 pounds Granulated Sugar for \$1.00.

This Sale will go on for Thirty Days Only, so take advantage of our offerings and save money.

T. S. Lopez & Sons.

IRONTON, MISSOURI.

in 1901. The average number of clear days is 9; partly cloudy days, 7, and cloudy days, 12. The prevailing winds have been from the north.

STRAYED—A milch cow, red with white back de-bordered, marked under split in the left ear, under bit in the right. Reasonable reward for return of same to Edward White, Ironton, Mo.

Roselle Items.

We are having a time with muddy roads at present.

Times are certainly on the boom in Roselle at present, there having been only two weddings in a week.

A. R. Henry and Miss Hattie Phillips were united in marriage on last Thursday, 22d, at the home of the bride in West Roselle.

On last Sunday John Hall, of Ironton, and Miss Lizzie Vance, of Roselle, were married at the home of the bride. Rev. Henry Polk, of Marble Creek, officiated at both weddings. Many friends and relatives were present. They received several useful presents. May they live a life of happiness and prosperity is the wish of the writer.

Our school will close on Friday next. The pupils have a neat programme of recitation for an afternoon entertainment. Many parents and patrons intend going. All are cordially invited to attend.

Olaf Henry, youngest son of M. L.,

has been very sick for a few days, but is improving at present.

Miss Maud Braswell has been on the sick list for a few days.

Miss Daisy Hart, who has been visiting her uncle, M. L. Henry, for a few weeks, has returned home.

There will be services at Graniteview church next Saturday and Sunday.

The finest Wool Shirts, Bonanza.

Mann Items.

The snow and rain that fell Friday night has caused our roads to be very bad again.

Mrs. Warren from Colorado is visiting J. A. Logan's family.

Messrs. Sol and Mat. Nelson, of near Goodland, were here Saturday.

Geo. Anderson visited at Mann Saturday night.

The revival meeting at Cedar Grove closed last Tuesday evening. Fifteen persons united with the church. May the good work just begun continue all year.

Dr. Adams, of Bellevue, made a professional call here Friday night to see Jake McClurg, who was quite sick, but is now much improved.

Arthur Nooley, of Blsmarck, had business here Friday.

The prayer and praise service Sunday evening was well attended and the interest good.

The weather not being favorable to work at shocking corn, there remains in the field a large per cent. of the fodder that was cut up last fall.

Messrs. Logan and Anderson are baling hay here again. Several parties are waiting for them. There seems to be plenty of hay and is selling readily for \$8 and \$10.

Rev. Alcorn preached at Pleasant Valley church Sunday.

We have just read the little book "Legend of Sunset Mountain," by Uncle Eli, and were well pleased. We found it to be very interesting.

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Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fitch*

PROBATE DOCKET.

Term Docket Probate Court Iron County, Mo., February Term, A. D. 1903.

Monday, February 9.

W. T. Gay, Administrator of the estate of C. T. A. of the estate of Peter Pauly, deceased.

Adolph Lopez and T. S. Lopez, Administrators of the copartnership estate of T. S. Lopez & Sons, dissolved by death. Final.

W. T. Gay, Administrator of the estate of Maria J. Beard, deceased.

August Rieke, Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Otto Rieke, minor.

W. T. Gay, Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Edgar Gilman, minor.

W. T. Gay, Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Augusta Gilman, minor.

W. T. Gay, Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Geo. S. Gilman, minor.

Tuesday, February 10.

John H. Huebnerhoff, Executor of the estate of Caroline Heinrichs, deceased. Final.

Geo. M. Johnson, Executor of the estate of Mary E. Johnson, deceased.

Kizzie Ruble, Administratrix of the estate of Andrew Ruble, deceased.

Theodore Oberman, Curator of the estate of John Sandman, minor.

Dr. George A. Auerwald, Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Francis Greason Delano, minor.

Benedict Boehler, Jr., Guardian and

Curator of the person and estate of Frank Boehler, minor.

Lina Seitz, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Annie M. Seitz, minor.

Samuel M. Hatridge, Guardian of Margaret A. Andrews, insane.

Everet W. Hughes, Guardian of Nancy Hughes, insane.

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